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**Above Charts:**

Predicted rainfall totals are doubled as **aquiess** delivers rainfall into Victorian Fire-front targets, during the February-March crisis.

**Main image:** Bureau predictions in 24 hours before rain is delivered

**Inset 1:** The first 2 days rainfall RESULT, as depicted by a BOM Rainfall Totals chart.

**Inset 2:**

CFA Firefighter celebrates the First Rain. Photo, courtesy of Herald-Sun Victoria.

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## Rain Result defies Bureau Predictions & dramatically reduces Fires, then eliminates them... *March 3-6th '09*

Significant rainfall delivered vital assistance to firefighters, helping to contain Victoria's devastating fires commencing March 3rd '09:

These rains were no surprise to the **aquiess** team and members of the 'observer group' watching the Victorian outcome. A Project to "**Extinguish the Black Saturday Fires**" was launched on 16/02/09 with a 30 day window allowed for the project success. Observers were alerted via email.



**John Forrest MP**

**John Forrest MP (Member of Federal Parliament - since 1993):**

"Advice was received by email on 16 February, 2009 that **aquiess** was developing a deployment of their technology to deliver rainfall and that I should maintain observation of public access Bureau Of Meteorology weather predictions. This I watched with interest over the next few weeks. On 7 March 2009, **aquiess** provided a report by email on the targeting result and confirmed by SMS text message to which I responded: "thanks David, are all the fires out?" and was advised the deployment would continue until all the fires were extinguished. This was undertaken and a delivery of soaking rain over several days occurred between 15 & 18 March, 2009.

...This is not the first time I have observed a target result by **aquiess** postulated many days out before the event and in defiance of forecasts at the time."  
*(John's complete Reference Letter available on request.)*

All these fires were eliminated within the 30 days allocated for this deployment by **aquiess**. The company has delivered similar successful 'observed results,' in five Australian horror fire crisis.